

June 17, 2003

Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Application to HUD for Section 8 Vouchers under the Mainstream Program for Persons with Disabilities

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for 50 Section 8 Vouchers under the Mainstream Program for Persons with Disabilities.

SUMMARY: On April 25, 2003, HUD announced the availability of up to \$53.6 million in five-year budget authority for new Section 8 rental vouchers for persons with disabilities. This will support approximately 1,800 vouchers nationwide and each agency may apply for up to 50 Vouchers. Specifically targeted are non-elderly low-income persons with disabilities. This population is recognized by HUD's housing research as having one of the worst case housing needs of any group in the United States. As there is a demonstrated need for housing assistance in Marin County for low-income non-elderly disabled families and persons, we would like to make the effort to compete for these vouchers.

However, the State of California will be awarded no more than 10% of the available vouchers, *i.e.* 180. A high percentage of the ranking score is based on a HUD pre-determined housing need for the Housing Authority's service area. Marin County is classified as a very low-need county. Therefore, we have a slim chance of receiving an award of Mainstream vouchers. There are no other Section 8 Voucher allocations in the 2003 federal budget.

A Resolution authorizing submission of an application under the Mainstream Program for Persons with Disabilities is presented for your consideration and approval. If HUD receives approvable applications for more funds than are available, applicants will be selected by lottery.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact on Marin Housing Authority.

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